

28 May 2020

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Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 31 March 2020 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 1 May 2020, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Inventories of PPE (broken into pairs of gloves, masks, face screens and scrubs) held by your organisation on March 31, 2020.***

NMH response

- (a) Pairs of gloves – 310,750 pairs
- (b) Masks – 679 boxes of 50
- (c) Face Shields – 33 boxes of 25
- (d) Scrubs: NMH does not own hospital scrubs as we find it more advantageous to have laundered scrubs supplied to the DHB.

- 2. Typical monthly use rates for the above items for the 2019 calendar year***

NMH response

This information is not available in a form that identifies monthly usage rates for PPE items. As such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

- 3. Expected or modelled monthly surge demand for such items caused by the Covid-19 outbreak.***

NMH response

This information is not available in a form that identifies expected or modelled monthly surge demand for PPE items. As such, NMH declines to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive